

Site Name: SPRING

Site ID No: 06036

DRAFT PA: completed by ☒ FIT (FI-8903.A)  
☐ State  
☐ EPA  
☐ \_\_\_\_\_

REVIEWED ☐ Site Name  
☐ Site ID No.  
☐ Existing File  
BY \_\_\_\_\_

DRAFT PRIORITY ASSESSMENT/RECOMMENDATION FOR SITE INSPECTION  
☐ High ☒ Medium ☐ None

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON DRAFT

a. STATE comments, dated \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_

Summary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b. SITE OWNER comments, dated \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_

Summary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. EPA REGION 1 comments, dated \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_

Summary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

d. \_\_\_\_\_ comments, dated \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_

Summary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

FINAL PA DECISION BY EPA PA COORDINATOR:

a. ☒ Approved  
b. ☐ Rejected Reason \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

c. Final Priority Assessment/Recommendation for Site Inspection  
☐ High ☒ Medium ☐ None

d. Final decision made by Detrick J. [Signature] Date 9-18-88

CERCLIS INFORMATION:

a. Site Discovery Date \_\_\_\_\_ (If not already in CERCLIS)  
b. PA Start Date 3-1-88 ; Compl. Date 8-18-88 ; FY 88 Quarter 1 2 3 4  
c. Entry Date 5/24/86 ; Entered By [Signature]

FY 1989



C-583-8-8-103  
September 2, 1988

Final Preliminary Assessment  
New England Aircraft Products  
Farmington, Connecticut

TDD No. F1-8803-18  
Reference No. \$375CTL7PA  
CERCLIS No. CTD059831479

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Sodium Nitrate solution is used in an electro-chemical milling operation conducted at NEAPD. After use, the solution is vacuum filtered. This desludges the solution, allowing for the reuse of sodium nitrate solution. This treatment produces a metal hydroxide sludge. The sludge is temporarily stored in a concrete tank for less than 90 days and then transported by a licensed hauler to a permitted hazardous waste landfill for disposal (Shell, 1982). When the sodium nitrate can no longer be used, it is poured into steel 55 gallon drums and stored for less than 90 days. The waste solvent is sent off for reclamation and resale. Other wastes reported to be present onsite include 1,1,1-trichloroethane, acetone, chloroethane, and sodium hydroxide (Shell, 1982).

In 1980, an investigation of this facility by the CT DEP was initiated by an anonymous caller, stating that sludge was being dumped on the parking lot at the rear of the building. During an onsite investigation by CT DEP, ten cubic yards of dewatered sludge were observed to be piled on the parking lot. This sludge was being dumped out of 55 gallon drums by three plant employees using a fork lift. An NEAPD employee explained that this was a routine temporary disposal method, conducted on days when SCA Chemicals Services was scheduled to haul the sludge away. Approximately 40 cubic yards per month were hauled away by SCA Chemical Services at two week intervals (CT DEP, 1980a). In 1980, the CT DEP issued an order to NEAPD with regard to the sludge being stored on the ground. The order stated that the sludge was to be stored in a concrete bin. NEAPD reported that it complied with the order by removing all material stored on the premises. The material was removed by SCA Chemical Services and disposed at a secure landfill site (Derynoski, 1980). In 1984, samples from the storage bin were collected by the CT DEP and analyzed by the state of Connecticut Department of Health Service Laboratory (CT DOH). An EP toxicity test detected chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, and barium at a concentration of 0.75 parts per billion (ppb), 0.13 ppb, 240 ppb, 0.13 ppb, and 0.29 ppb, respectively (CT DEP, 1984).

NEAPD presently generates wastewater treatment sludge from an electroplating operation. All materials are disposed of, treated, and stored, for less than 90 days. In August 1980, a RCRA generator permit was issued to NEAPD for possessing interim status. In 1978, the facility received an NPDES permit to discharge 17,000 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water to Scott Swamp Brook, located 300 feet east of the facility (CT DEP, 1980b). The NPDES permit expired on May 20, 1986. (Silverman, 1988d)

In 1975, two public Plainville Water Company Wells (near Johnson Avenue) and Farmington Industrial Park wells were determined to be contaminated (Figure 1) (CT DEP, 1984). Contaminants involved included chloroform, tetrachloroethylene, and trichloroethylene (US EPA, 1988). In 1982, an order was issued to the NEAPD and several neighboring companies stating that a groundwater discharge of industrial wastes had existed from these facilities in the past, and that they were to perform a groundwater study, involving the installation of wells for sampling purposes, and preparation of a summary report by a qualified consultant (Harder, 1982). No information is present in the CT DEP file concerning the response to the order issued by the CT DEP in 1982. The Plainville Water Company reports that the two wells located near Johnson Avenue have had the contaminants pumped out, and have been back in use since 1984 (Silverman, 1988a). No information has been found regarding the present status of the Farmington Industrial Park Wells.


Drinking water for the town of Farmington is supplied by wells owned by the Metropolitan District Commission (serving 1,200 residents), the Unionville Water Company (serving 11,000 residents), New Britain Water Department (servicing 520 residents), Lake View of Farmington (serving 642 residents, Farmington Woods Water Co. Inc. (serving 470 residents,) Maple Ridge Farms Water Associate Inc. (serving 160 residents), and Hill Top, Inc. (serving 136 residents). Farmington Water Company well is located 0.3 miles west of the facility and two Plainville Water Company wells (Johnson Ave... wells) are located 0.5 miles south of the facility (CT DEP, 1982). The exact number of people served by the Farmington Water Company well and the Plainville Water Company wells are unknown. There are 4,302 residents of Farmington supplied by private wells (CT DEP, 1986). Four private wells (owned by the FIP Corporation) are located in the Farmington Industrial Park 0.7 miles south of the facility (CT


DEP, 1982). Scott Swamp Brook, which flows into the Pequabuck River, is located 300 feet east of New England Aircraft Products Division. The Pequabuck River is located 0.5 miles east of the facility. The river is no longer used for recreational purposes, due to sewage pollution from the town of Bristol (Silverman, 1988c).

#### CONCLUSION

NEAPD, manufacturer jet aircraft engines and vanes, reportedly on a routine basis dumped a metal hydroxide sludge in a parking lot to the rear of the building. The facility was cited by the CT DEP for improper storage of sludges. An EP toxicity test detected chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, and barium in the sludge. Contaminants detected onsite could potentially contaminate ground and surface waters. The Scott Swamp Brook and the Pequabuck River are located within 0.5 miles of the facility. The CT DEP reported the contamination of nearby private and public wells in 1980. Due to significant potential receptors and easily accessible areas, NUS/FIT recommends a Screening Site Inspection (SSI) of medium priority be performed in order to help assess the potential threat to the public and environment.

Submitted By:

  
Beth L. Silverman  
Project Manager

Approval:   
Joanne O. Morin  
FIT Office Manager

BLS/es

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POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE  
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT  
PART 1 SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

I. IDENTIFICATION

01 STATE CT 02 SITE NUMBER D059831479

II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION

|  |                       |  |                              |                              |                          |
|--|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 01 SITE NAME (Legal, common, or descriptive name of site)<br><b>New England Aircraft Products Division</b> |                       | 02 STREET, ROUTE NO., OR SPECIFIC LOCATION IDENTIFIER<br><b>Spring Lane Plant #1</b> |                              |                              |                          |
| 03 CITY<br><b>Farmington</b>   | 04 STATE<br><b>CT</b> | 05 ZIP CODE<br><b>06032</b>  | 06 COUNTY<br><b>Hartford</b> | 07 COUNTY CODE<br><b>009</b> | 08 CONG DIST<br><b>6</b> |
| 09 COORDINATES   |                       | LATITUDE LONGITUDE   |                              |                              |                          |

10 DIRECTIONS TO SITE (Starting from nearest public road)

Traveling west on Route 84, get off at exit 38. Continue West on Route 6, take a left onto Spring Lane for 0.25 miles.

III. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

|   |                         |  |   |  |  |
|---|-------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| 01 OWNER (If known)<br><b>New England Aircraft Products Division</b>  |                         | 02 STREET (Business, mailing, residential)<br><b>Spring Lane</b>   |   |  |  |
| 03 CITY<br><b>Farmington</b>  | 04 STATE<br><b>CT</b>   | 05 ZIP CODE<br><b>06032</b>  | 06 TELEPHONE NUMBER<br><b>(203)667-1376</b> |  |  |
| 07 OPERATOR (If known and different from owner)<br><b>Same as above</b>   |                         | 08 STREET (Business, mailing, residential)<br><b>same as above</b> |   |  |  |
| 09 CITY<br><b>same</b>  | 10 STATE<br><b>same</b> | 11 ZIP CODE<br><b>same</b>   | 12 TELEPHONE NUMBER<br><b>same</b>          |  |  |
| 13 TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (Check one)  |                         |  |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A. PRIVATE: <input type="checkbox"/> B. FEDERAL: <input type="checkbox"/> C. STATE: <input type="checkbox"/> D. COUNTY: <input type="checkbox"/> E. MUNICIPAL: |                         |  |   |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F. OTHER: (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> G. UNKNOWN  |                         |  |   |  |  |

14 OWNER/OPERATOR NOTIFICATION ON FILE (Check all that apply)

☐ A. RCRA 3001 DATE RECEIVED: ☐ B. UNCONTROLLED WASTE SITE (CERCLA 103c) DATE RECEIVED: ☐ C. NONE

IV. CHARACTERIZATION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD

|  |                      |   |  |                                   |  |
|--|----------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 01 ON SITE INSPECTION  |                      | BY (Check all that apply)                         |  |                                   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES  | DATE: <b>1/26/84</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> A. EPA                   | <input type="checkbox"/> B. EPA CONTRACTOR   | <input type="checkbox"/> C. STATE | <input type="checkbox"/> D. OTHER CONTRACTOR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO  |                      | <input type="checkbox"/> E. LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL | <input type="checkbox"/> F. OTHER: (Specify) |                                   |  |
| 02 SITE STATUS (Check one)   |                      | 03 YEARS OF OPERATION                             |  |                                   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. ACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> B. INACTIVE <input type="checkbox"/> C. UNKNOWN |                      | <b>1980</b> <b>currently operating</b>            |  |                                   |  |
|  |                      | BEGINNING YEAR ENDING YEAR                        |  |                                   |  |

04 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSTANCES POSSIBLY PRESENT, KNOWN, OR ALLEGED

New England Aircraft Products Division generates a metal hydroxide sludge. An EP toxicity test indicated the presence of chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, and barium. Other wastes reported to be present include 1,1,1-trichloroethane, acetone, chloroethane, and sodium hydroxide.

05 DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD TO ENVIRONMENT AND/OR POPULATION

Metal hydroxide sludge was dumped on the parking lot at the rear of the building. The facility is located within 0.5 miles of seven public and private wells. Scott Swamp Brook, which flows into the Pequabuck River, is located 200 feet east of the facility.

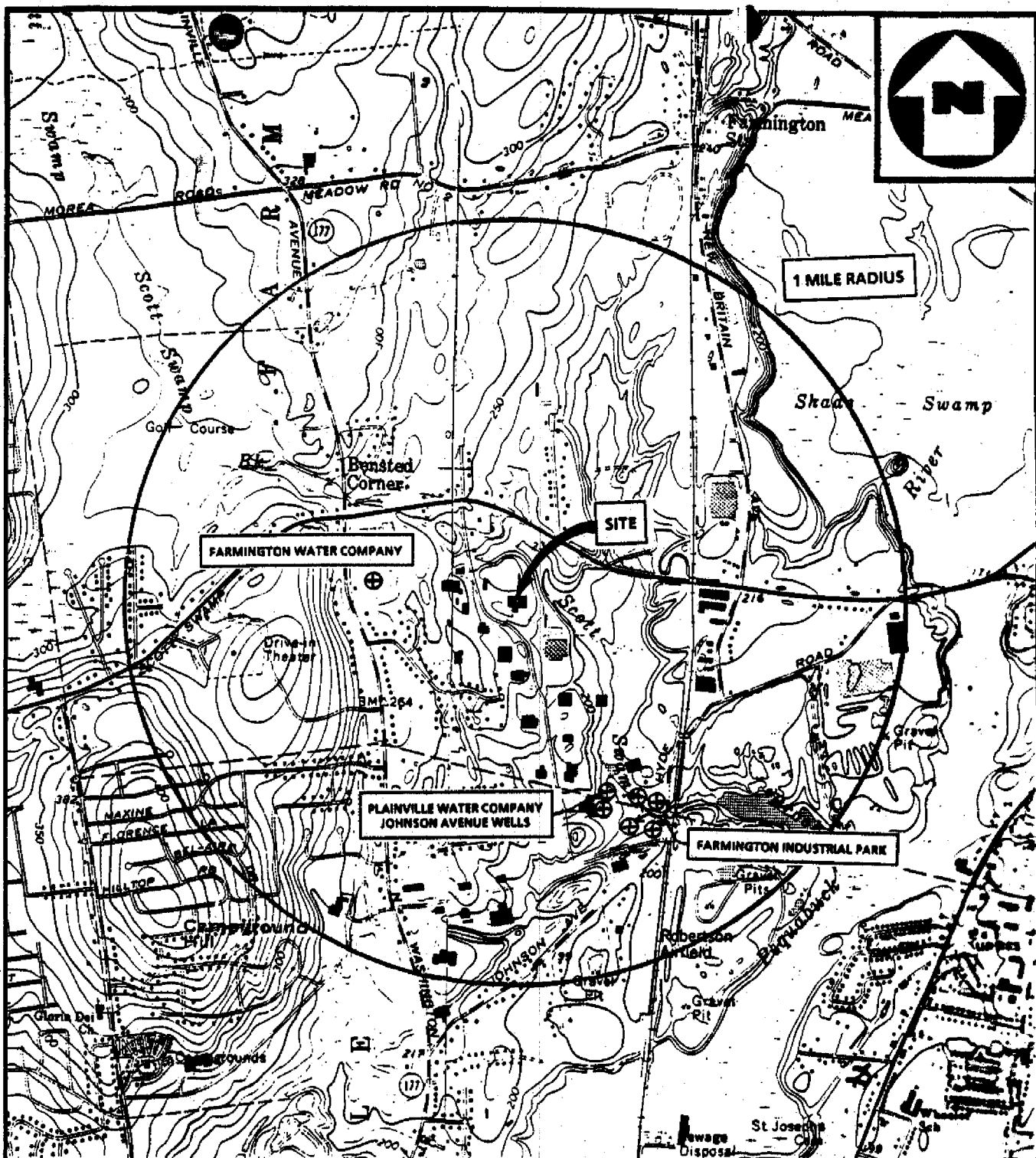
V. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT

01 PRIORITY FOR INSPECTION (Check one. If high or medium is checked, complete Part 2 - Waste Information and Part 3 - Description of Hazardous Conditions and Incidents)

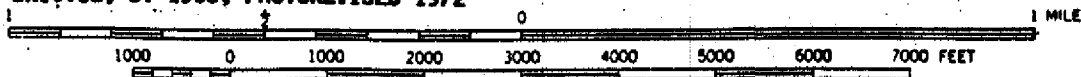
☐ A. HIGH (Inspection required promptly) ☒ B. MEDIUM (Inspection required promptly) ☐ C. LOW (Inspect on time available basis) ☐ D. NONE (No further action needed, complete disposition form)

VI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM

01 CONTACT: Richard Pease 02 OF (Agency/Organization): CT DEP 03 TELEPHONE NUMBER 203-566-5486



BASE MAP IS A PORTION OF THE FOLLOWING 7.5' U.S.G.S. QUADRANGLE(S):  
 NEW BRITAIN, CT 1966, PHOTOREVISED 1984  
 BRISTOL, CT 1966, PHOTOREVISED 1972

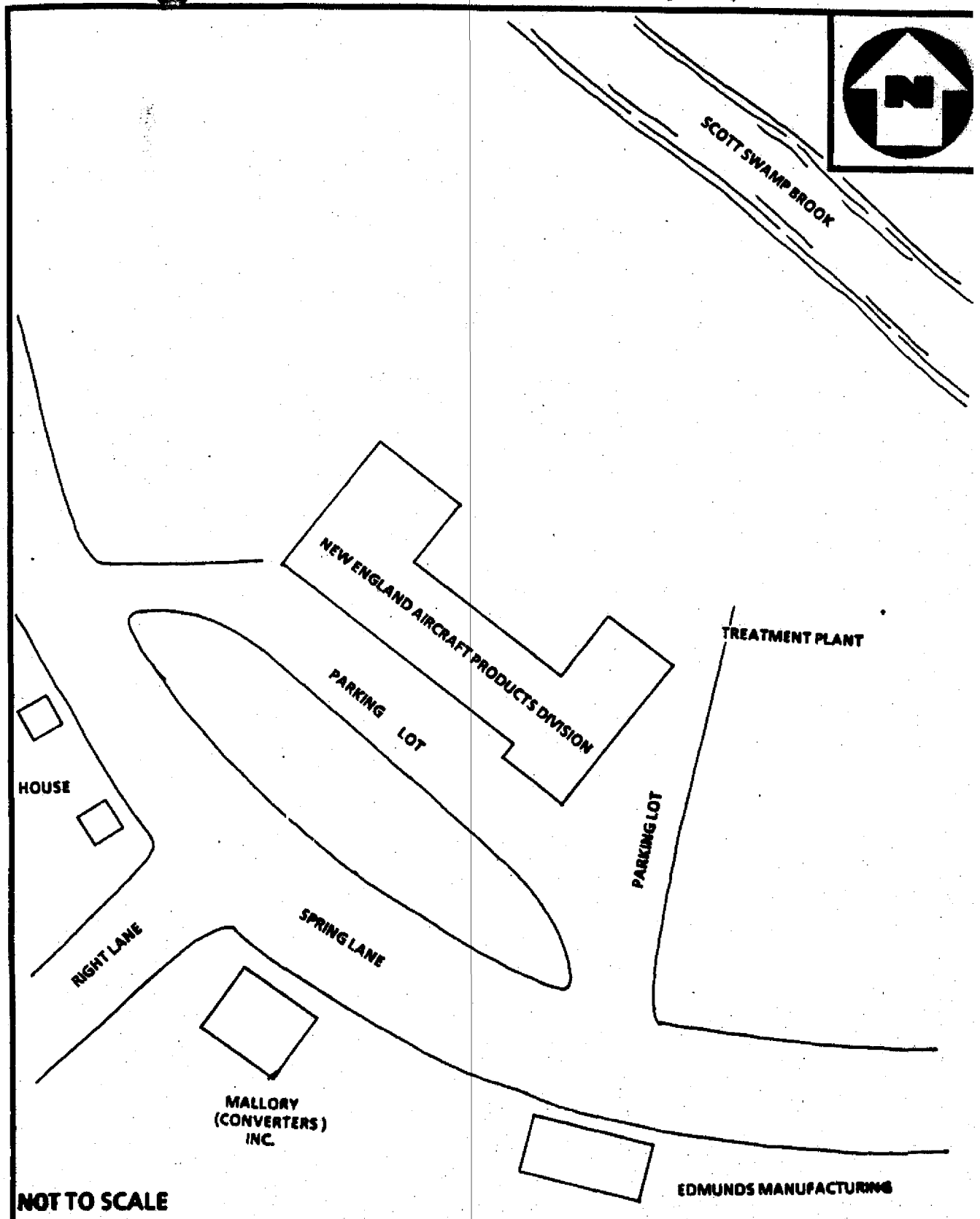


### LOCATION MAP

**NEW ENGLAND AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS DIVISION  
 FARMINGTON, CT**



**FIGURE 1**



NOT TO SCALE

SITE SKETCH

NEW ENGLAND AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS DIVISION  
FARMINGTON, CT



FIGURE 2



Site Name: New England Aircraft Products Division  
 CERCLIS No.: CTD059731479  
 TDD No.: C1-8803-28  
 Reference No.: B375CTL7AA

# NPL ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

|  | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Are the wastes onsite considered hazardous as defined in CERCLA?   | <u>X</u>   | ---       | -----           |
| <b>*Sites covered by other authorities:</b>  |            |           |                 |
| Are the hazardous materials at the site solely petroleum products (gasoline, oil, natural gas)?  | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----           |
| Is the contamination at the site caused solely by pesticides that were applied using an accepted practice?   | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----           |
| If the release is into public or private drinking water systems, is it due to deterioration of the system through ordinary use?  | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----           |
| Is the release from products which are part of the structure, and result in exposure within residential, business, or community structures?  | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----N/A        |
| Did the release result in exposure to people solely within a work place?   | ---        | ---       | -----unknown    |
| Does the facility have an Underground Injection Control permit under the Safe Drinking Water Act?  | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----           |
| Is the release the result of the normal application of fertilizer?   | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----N/A        |
| Does the release involve naturally occurring substances in their unaltered form?   | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----           |
| Does the contamination at the site consist solely of radioactive materials generated by Department of Energy/Atomic Energy Commission activities?  | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----N/A        |
| Is the contamination at the site caused solely by coal mining operations?  | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----N/A        |
| Does the facility have a permit from EPA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act) to dispose of dredged materials in ocean waters? | ---        | <u>X</u>  | -----           |

Site Name: New England Aircraft Products Division  
 CERCLIS No.: CTD059801479  
 FDD No.: 118803-18  
 Reference No.: 8375CTL78A -

|   | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>*Other issues of site definition:</b>  |            |           |                 |
| Is the site defined solely as a contaminated well field?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Is the site currently owned or operated by a federal agency, or has it been in the past?            | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Is the site a municipal landfill?   | ---        | X         | -----           |
| -- Check if there is documentation of industrial waste disposed of.                                 | ---        |           |                 |
| Does the waste consist of a "special waste" such as fly ash?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| -- Check if there is documentation of a hazardous component to the waste.                           | ---        |           |                 |
| Does the facility have an NPDES permit?   | X          | ---       | -----           |
| Check if the facility has a history of permit violations.   | ---        |           |                 |
| Is the facility subject to ambient air quality standards under the Clean Air Act?                   | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Does the facility have a permit under the Clean Air Act?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| <b>*RCRA status</b>   |            |           |                 |
| Has the facility notified as a RCRA generator?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Has the facility ever had RCRA interim status or a RCRA permit?                                     | X          | ---       | -----           |
| If yes, check any that apply:   |            |           |                 |
| -- The facility is a small quantity generator.  | ---        |           |                 |
| -- The facility is a "non-notifier" or "protective filer" (identified as such by EPA or the state). | ---        |           |                 |

Site Name: New England Aircraft Products Division  
CERCLIS No.: CT D0598 3-479  
FDD No.: F1-0303-13  
Reference No.: B375-CTL71A

**\*RCRA status (continued)**

- The owner of the facility is bankrupt, or the owner has filed for protection under bankruptcy laws (if known). ---
- A RCRA compliance order or notice of violation has been issued for the facility at some time. ---  
  
The order or notice concerned:
  - conditions that posed a hazard (i.e. a release of contamination to the environment) OR ---
  - administrative violations (i.e. recordkeeping or financial requirements). ---
- Some RCRA enforcement action is currently pending at the facility. ---
- A RCRA permit has been denied or interim status has been revoked for the facility. ---  
  
The permit or interim status was revoked:
  - because of conditions at the facility that posed a hazard OR ---
  - because the facility failed to meet an administrative requirement (i.e., failed to file an acceptable Part B permit application). ---
- A closure plan has been requested or submitted for the facility under RCRA. ---
- A closure plan has been approved for the facility under RCRA. ---
- The facility is closed and currently monitoring under RCRA regulations. ---

# CERCLIS DATABASE FORM

Date: 05/18/88

SITE NAME: New England Aircraft Products Division  
 CERCLIS NO. CT D054031477  
 TDD No. F1-8803-12 PROJECT MANAGER: B. Swannan

Directions to site: Traveling west on Rt. 4 take exit 38  
Continue west on Rt. 6 take a left onto Spring Lane

| ELEMENT                  | CERCLIS CODE<br>(NO. OF<br>POSITIONS) | DESCRIPTION   | ENTRY   |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| I. For all projects      |                                       |   |   |
| State                    | C2(2)                                 | Postal code   | <u>CT</u>                                     |
| Site ID (if available)   | C101(12)                              | Dun & Bradstreet or GSA   |   |
| Site Name                | C104(40)                              |   | <u>New England Aircraft Products Division</u> |
| Street Address           | C110(40)                              |   | <u>Spring Lane, Hartford - 1</u>              |
| City                     | C111(25)                              |   | <u>Hartford</u>                               |
| County                   | *TBD                                  |   | <u>Hartford</u>                               |
| Ownership                | C136(2)                               | FF = Federally owned<br>ST = State owned<br>CO = County owned<br>DI = District owned<br>IL = Indian lands<br>MI = Mixed ownership<br>UN = Unknown<br>*TBD = Municipally owned<br>*TBD = Privately owned<br>OH = Other | <u>TBD (private)</u>                          |
| Years of Operation       | *TBD                                  | <u>1980</u> to <u>1988</u>  | <u>8 years</u>                                |
| FMS Number (if assigned) | C315(4)                               |   |   |

ELEMENT

CERCLIS CODE  
(NO. OF  
POSITIONS)

DESCRIPTION

ENTRY

Recommendation of Most Recent Project at Site C2103(1)

For PAs:

H = High = SI Required

(M) = Med. = SI Recommended

N = NFA = No Further Action/Pending

I = Ineligible under CERCLA

For SIs:

H = LSI Recommended

D = Deferred

N = NFA (No HRS  
Recommended)

M

Note

C2105(20)

Abbreviated Comments

Reason for Ineligibility (for Sites Determined Ineligible under CERCLA)

\*TBD

\*TBD = Petroleum contamination only

\*TBD = Active RCRA facility

\*TBD = Properly applied pesticide

\*TBD = Nuclear/radioactive waste

\*TBD = All other reasons

Agency Responsible for Work at Site

C2117(2)

(P) = EPA, Fund financed

S = State, Fund financed

SN = State, no fund financing

FF = Federal facility

\*TBD = Responsible Party

F

II. Only for sites with HRS

Coordinates

\*TBD

Latitude and Longitude

## ELEMENT

CERCLIS CODE  
(NO.OF  
POSITIONS)

## DESCRIPTION

## ENTRY

Type of  
Facility or  
Source

C137(1)

B = Chemical Plant  
C = City Contamination  
L = Landfill  
M = Manufacturing Plant  
N = Military Facility  
F = Other Federal Facility  
T = Mines/Tailings  
P = Lagoons  
A = Abandoned/  
Midnight dumping

If Unknown,  
Type of Waste  
Present

R = Radioactive Waste  
J = Inorganic Waste  
\*TBD = Organic Waste  
I = Other Industrial Waste  
D = Dioxin

If Both Unknown,  
Type of Receptor  
Affected

V = Waterways/river  
H = Housing Area  
W = Drinking Water Wells  
\*TBD = Ecological Receptors  
O = Other

Abstract

C201(240)

Site Description

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19 CROSSBY DRIVE  
BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01730  
617-275-2970

C-583-8-8-103  
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Currently, the facility is comprised of one large building connected to a treatment tank east of the facility. Two parking lot entrances are located east and south of the building (figure 1). There is no fence or site security at this facility (Silverman, 1988b, Perimeter Survey). Several houses and businesses are located southwest of the facility. Other small businesses are located north and southeast of NEAPD.

Sodium Nitrate solution is used in an electro-chemical milling operation conducted at NEAPD. After use, the solution is vacuum filtered. This desludges the solution, allowing for the reuse of sodium nitrate solution. This treatment produces a metal hydroxide sludge. The sludge is temporarily stored in a concrete tank for less than 90 days and then transported by a licensed hauler to a permitted hazardous waste landfill for disposal (Shell, 1982). When the sodium nitrate can no longer be used, it is poured into steel 55 gallon drums and stored for less than 90 days. The waste solvent is sent off for reclamation and resale. Other wastes reported to be present onsite include 1,1,1-trichloroethane, acetone, chloroethane, and sodium hydroxide (Shell, 1982).

In 1980, an investigation of this facility by the CT DEP was initiated by an anonymous caller, stating that sludge was being dumped on the parking lot at the rear of the building. During an onsite investigation by CT DEP, ten cubic yards of dewatered sludge were observed to be piled on the parking lot. This sludge was being dumped out of 55 gallon drums by three plant employees using a fork lift. An NEAPD employee explained that this was a routine temporary disposal method, conducted on days when SCA Chemicals Services was scheduled to haul the sludge away. Approximately 40 cubic yards per month were hauled away by SCA Chemical Services at two week intervals (CT DEP, 1980a). In 1980, the CT DEP issued an order to NEAPD with regard to the sludge being stored on the ground. The order stated that the sludge was to be stored in a concrete bin. NEAPD reported that it complied with the order by removing all material stored on the premises. The material was removed by SCA Chemical Services and disposed at a secure landfill site (Derynoski, 1980). In 1984, samples from the storage bin were collected by the CT DEP and analyzed by the state of Connecticut Department of Health Service Laboratory (CT DOH). An EP toxicity test detected chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, and barium at a concentration of 0.75 parts per billion (ppb), 0.13 ppb, 240 ppb, 0.13 ppb, and 0.29 ppb, respectively (CT DEP, 1984).

NEAPD presently generates wastewater treatment sludge from an electroplating operation. All materials are disposed of, treated, and stored, for less than 90 days. In August 1980, a RCRA generator permit was issued to NEAPD for possessing interim status. In 1978, the facility received an NPDES permit to discharge 17,000 gallons per day of non-contact cooling water to Scott Swamp Brook, located 300 feet east of the facility (CT DEP, 1980b). The NPDES permit expired on May 20, 1986. (Silverman, 1988d)

In 1975, two public Plainville Water Company Wells (near Johnson Avenue) and Farmington Industrial Park wells were determined to be contaminated (Figure 1) (CT DEP, 1984). Contaminants involved included chloroform, tetrachloroethylene, and trichloroethylene (US EPA, 1988). In 1982, an order was issued to the NEAPD and several neighboring companies stating that a groundwater discharge of industrial wastes had existed from these facilities in the past, and that they were to perform a groundwater study, involving the installation of wells for sampling purposes, and preparation of a summary report by a qualified consultant (Harder, 1982). No information is present in the CT DEP file concerning the response to the order issued by the CT DEP in 1982. The Plainville Water Company reports that the two wells located near Johnson Avenue have had the contaminants pumped out, and have been back in use since 1984 (Silverman, 1988a). No information has been found regarding the present status of the Farmington Industrial Park Wells.

Drinking water for the town of Farmington is supplied by wells owned by the Metropolitan District Commission (serving 1,200 residents), the Unionville Water Company (serving 11,000 residents), New Britain Water Department (servicing 520 residents), Lake View of Farmington (serving 642 residents, Farmington Woods Water Co. Inc. (serving 470 residents,) Maple Ridge Farms Water Associate Inc. (serving 160 residents), and Hill Top, Inc. (serving 136 residents). Farmington Water Company well is located 0.3 miles west of the facility and two Plainville Water Company wells (Johnson Ave... wells) are located 0.5 miles south of the facility (CT DEP, 1982). The exact number of people served by the Farmington Water Company well and the Plainville Water Company wells are unknown. There are 4,302 residents of Farmington supplied by private wells (CT DEP, 1986). Four private wells (owned by the FIP Corporation) are located in the Farmington Industrial Park 0.7 miles south of the facility (CT





DEP, 1982). Scott Swamp Brook, which flows into the Pequabuck River, is located 300 feet east of New England Aircraft Products Division. The Pequabuck River is located 0.5 miles east of the facility. The river is no longer used for recreational purposes, due to sewage pollution from the town of Bristol (Silverman, 1988c).

#### CONCLUSION

NEAPD, manufacturer jet aircraft engines and vanes, reportedly on a routine basis dumped a metal hydroxide sludge in a parking lot to the rear of the building. The facility was cited by the CT DEP for improper storage of sludges. An EP toxicity test detected chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, and barium in the sludge. Contaminants detected onsite could potentially contaminate ground and surface waters. The Scott Swamp Brook and the Pequabuck River are located within 0.5 miles of the facility. The CT DEP reported the contamination of nearby private and public wells in 1980. Due to significant potential receptors and easily accessible areas, NUS/FIT recommends a Screening Site Inspection (SSI) of medium priority be performed in order to help assess the potential threat to the public and environment.

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POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE  
PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT  
PART 1 SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

I. IDENTIFICATION

01 STATE  
CT

02 SITE NUMBER  
D059831479

II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION

01 SITE NAME (Legal, common, or descriptive name of site)

New England Aircraft Products Division

02 STREET, ROUTE NO., OR SPECIFIC LOCATION IDENTIFIER

Spring Lane Plant #1

03 CITY

Farmington

04 STATE

CT

05 ZIP CODE

06032

06 COUNTY

Hartford

07 COUNTY CODE

009

08 CONG DIST

6

09 COORDINATES

LATITUDE

LONGITUDE

10 DIRECTIONS TO SITE (Starting from nearest public road)

Traveling west on Route 84, get off at exit 38. Continue West on Route 6, take a left onto Spring Lane for 0.25 miles.

III. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

01 OWNER (If known)

New England Aircraft Products Division

02 STREET (Business, mailing, residential)

Spring Lane

03 CITY

Farmington

04 STATE

CT

05 ZIP CODE

06032

06 TELEPHONE NUMBER

(203)667-1376

07 OPERATOR (If known and different from owner)

Same as above

08 STREET (Business, mailing, residential)

same as above

09 CITY

same

10 STATE

same

11 ZIP CODE

same

12 TELEPHONE NUMBER

same

13 TYPE OF OWNERSHIP (Check one)

☐ A. PRIVATE:

☐ B. FEDERAL:

☐ C. STATE:

☐ D. COUNTY:

☐ E. MUNICIPAL:

☐ F. OTHER:

(Agency name)

☐ G. UNKNOWN

(Specify)

14 OWNER/OPERATOR NOTIFICATION ON FILE (Check all that apply)

☐ A. RCRA 3001 DATE RECEIVED:

☐ B. UNCONTROLLED WASTE SITE (CERCLA 103c) DATE RECEIVED:

☐ C. NONE

IV. CHARACTERIZATION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD

01 ON SITE INSPECTION

BY (Check all that apply)

☒ YES

☐ NO

DATE: 1/26/84

☐ A. EPA

☐ B. EPA CONTRACTOR

☐ C. STATE

☐ D. OTHER CONTRACTOR

☐ E. LOCAL HEALTH OFFICIAL

☐ F. OTHER:

CONTRACTOR NAME(S):

(Specify)

02 SITE STATUS (Check one)

☒ A. ACTIVE

☐ B. INACTIVE

☐ C. UNKNOWN

03 YEARS OF OPERATION

1980

currently operating

BEGINNING YEAR

ENDING YEAR

☐ UNKNOWN

04 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSTANCES POSSIBLY PRESENT, KNOWN, OR ALLEGED

New England Aircraft Products Division generates a metal hydroxide sludge. An EP toxicity test indicated the presence of chromium, copper, nickel, zinc, and barium. Other wastes reported to be present include 1,1,1-trichloroethane, acetone, chloroethane, and sodium hydroxide.

05 DESCRIPTION OF POTENTIAL HAZARD TO ENVIRONMENT AND/OR POPULATION

Metal hydroxide sludge was dumped on the parking lot at the rear of the building. The facility is located within 0.5 miles of seven public and private wells. Scott Swamp Brook, which flows into the Pequabuck River, is located 200 feet east of the facility.

V. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT

01 PRIORITY FOR INSPECTION (Check one. If high or medium is checked, complete Part 2 - Waste Information and Part 3 - Description of Hazardous Conditions and Incidents)

☐ A. HIGH (Inspection required promptly)

☒ B. MEDIUM (Inspection required promptly)

☐ C. LOW (Inspect on time available basis)

☐ D. NONE (No further action needed, complete disposition form)

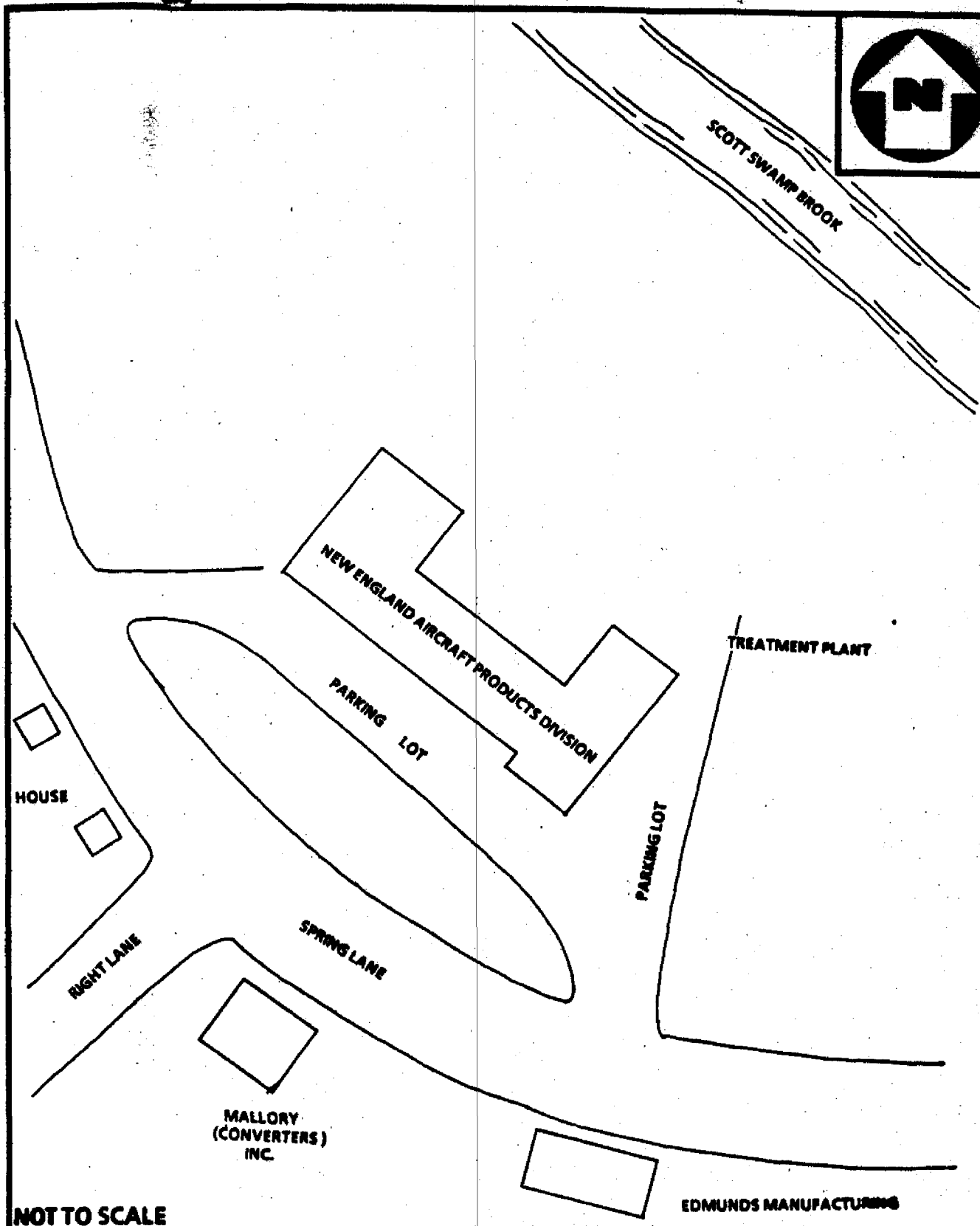
VI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM

01 CONTACT: Richard Pease

02 OF (Agency/Organization): CT DEP

03 TELEPHONE NUMBER 203-544-5486





NOT TO SCALE

SITE SKETCH

NEW ENGLAND AIRCRAFT PRODUCTS DIVISION  
FARMINGTON, CT



**NUS**  
CORPORATION

FIGURE 2

Site Name: New England Aircraft Products Division  
 CERCLIS No.: CTD057 31479  
 TDD No.: C1-8863-18  
 Reference No.: B375 CTL7AA

# NPL ELIGIBILITY CHECKLIST

|  | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u>  | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------|
| Are the wastes onsite considered hazardous as defined in CERCLA?   | <u>X</u>   | <u>---</u> | <u>-----</u>    |
| <b>*Sites covered by other authorities:</b>  |            |            |                 |
| Are the hazardous materials at the site solely petroleum products (gasoline, oil, natural gas)?  | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>-----</u>    |
| Is the contamination at the site caused solely by pesticides that were applied using an accepted practice?   | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>-----</u>    |
| If the release is into public or private drinking water systems, is it due to deterioration of the system through ordinary use?  | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>-----</u>    |
| Is the release from products which are part of the structure, and result in exposure within residential, business, or community structures?  | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>N/A</u>      |
| Did the release result in exposure to people solely within a work place?   | <u>---</u> | <u>---</u> | <u>unknown</u>  |
| Does the facility have an Underground Injection Control permit under the Safe Drinking Water Act?  | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>-----</u>    |
| Is the release the result of the normal application of fertilizer?   | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>N/A</u>      |
| Does the release involve naturally occurring substances in their unaltered form?   | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>-----</u>    |
| Does the contamination at the site consist solely of radioactive materials generated by Department of Energy/Atomic Energy Commission activities?  | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>N/A</u>      |
| Is the contamination at the site caused solely by coal mining operations?  | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>N/A</u>      |
| Does the facility have a permit from EPA or the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act) to dispose of dredged materials in ocean waters? | <u>---</u> | <u>X</u>   | <u>-----</u>    |

Site Name: New England Aircraft Products Division  
 CERCLA No.: CTD0578-1479  
 TSD No.: 510803-18  
 Reference No.: 5375CT679A -

|   | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> | <u>COMMENTS</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------------|
| <b>*Other issues of site definition:</b>  |            |           |                 |
| Is the site defined solely as a contaminated well field?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Is the site currently owned or operated by a federal agency, or has it been in the past?            | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Is the site a municipal landfill?   | ---        | X         | -----           |
| -- Check if there is documentation of industrial waste disposed of.                                 | ---        |           |                 |
| Does the waste consist of a "special waste" such as fly ash?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| -- Check if there is documentation of a hazardous component to the waste.                           | ---        |           |                 |
| Does the facility have an NPDES permit?   | X          | ---       | -----           |
| Check if the facility has a history of permit violations.   | ---        |           |                 |
| Is the facility subject to ambient air quality standards under the Clean Air Act?                   | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Does the facility have a permit under the Clean Air Act?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| <b>*RCRA status</b>   |            |           |                 |
| Has the facility notified as a RCRA generator?  | ---        | X         | -----           |
| Has the facility ever had RCRA interim status or a RCRA permit?                                     | X          | ---       | -----           |
| If yes, check any that apply:   |            |           |                 |
| -- The facility is a small quantity generator.  | ---        |           |                 |
| -- The facility is a "non-notifier" or "protective filer" (identified as such by EPA or the state). | ---        |           |                 |

~~Site Name:~~ New England Aircraft Refinements Division  
INCLIN NO.: CT D0598 179  
FIDR NO.: F1-0803-18  
Reference No.: 8375-CTL7YA

**\*RCRA status (continued)**

-- The owner of the facility is bankrupt,  
or the owner has filed for protection  
under bankruptcy laws (if known). ---

-- A RCRA compliance order or notice  
of violation has been issued for the  
facility at some time. ---

The order or notice concerned:

- conditions that posed a hazard (i.e.  
a release of contamination to the  
environment) OR ---

- administrative violations (i.e.  
recordkeeping or financial  
requirements). ---

-- Some RCRA enforcement action is  
currently pending at the facility. ---

-- A RCRA permit has been denied or  
interim status has been revoked  
for the facility. ---

The permit or interim status  
was revoked:

-because of conditions at the facility  
that posed a hazard OR ---

-because the facility failed to meet an  
administrative requirement (i.e.,  
failed to file an acceptable  
Part B permit application). ---

-- A closure plan has been requested or  
submitted for the facility  
under RCRA. ---

-- A closure plan has been approved for  
the facility under RCRA. ---

-- The facility is closed and currently  
monitoring under RCRA regulations. ---



# CERCLIS DATABASE FORM

Date: 05/10/88

SITE NAME: New England Aircraft Products Division  
 CERCLIS NO. CT D059831477  
 TDD No. F1-8803-12 PROJECT MANAGER: B. Sullivan

Directions to site: Traveling west on Rt. 9 take exit 38  
Continue west on Rt. 6 take left onto Spring Lane

| ELEMENT                    | CERCLIS CODE<br>(NO. OF<br>POSITIONS) | DESCRIPTION   | ENTRY   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>I. For all projects</b> |                                       |   |   |
| State                      | C2(2)                                 | Postal code   | <u>CT</u>                                     |
| Site ID (if available)     | C101(12)                              | Dun & Bradstreet or GSA   | <u></u>                                       |
| Site Name                  | C104(40)                              |   | <u>New England Aircraft Products Division</u> |
| Street Address             | C110(40)                              |   | <u>Spring Lane, Plant #1</u>                  |
| City                       | C111(25)                              |   | <u>Simington</u>                              |
| County                     | *TBD                                  |   | <u>Hartford</u>                               |
| Ownership                  | C136(2)                               | FF = Federally owned<br>ST = State owned<br>CO = County owned<br>DI = District owned<br>IL = Indian lands<br>MI = Mixed ownership<br>UN = Unknown<br>*TBD = Municipally owned<br>*TBD = Privately owned<br>OH = Other | <u>TBD (private)</u>                          |
| Years of Operation         | *TBD                                  | <u>1980</u> to <u>1988</u>  | <u>8 years</u>                                |
| FMS Number (if assigned)   | C315(4)                               |   | <u></u>                                       |

## ELEMENT

CERCLIS CODE  
(NO. OF  
POSITIONS)

## DESCRIPTION

## ENTRY

Recommendation of Most Recent  
Project at Site C2103(1)

## For PAs:

H = High = SI Required

M = Med. = SI Recommended

N = NFA = No Further Action/Pending

I = Ineligible under CERCLA

## For SIs:

H = LSI Recommended

D = Deferred

N = NFA (No HRS  
Recommended)M

## Note

C2105(20)

## Abbreviated Comments

Reason for  
Ineligibility (for  
Sites Determined  
Ineligible under  
CERCLA)

\*TBD

\*TBD = Petroleum  
contamination  
only\*TBD = Active RCRA  
facility\*TBD = Properly applied  
pesticide

\*TBD = Nuclear/radioactive waste

\*TBD = All other  
reasonsAgency  
Responsible  
for Work  
at Site

C2117(2)

P = EPA, Fund financed  
S = State, Fund financed  
SN = State, no fund  
financingFF = Federal  
facility\*TBD = Responsible  
PartyF

II. Only for sites with HRS

## Coordinates

\*TBD

Latitude and  
Longitude